Funds for hospital infrastructure development in Orissa

653. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cash-strapped Orissa State does not have sufficient funds to develop the required infrastructure in the various hospitals especially rural health-care centres;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have drawn up some action plan, to help this most backward State to improve their health-care facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) seeks to provide effective health care to rural population throughout the country with high focus on 18 states including Orissa, which have weak public health indicators and/or weak infrastructure.

A number of initiatives such as provision of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) to act as the interface between the community & the Public Health System, strengthening of sub-centres including sanctioning of new Sub-centres as per 2001 population norm & upgrading existing Sub-centres including buildings for Sub-centres in rented premises, strengthening PHCs through upgradation for 24 hours referral service & provision of AYUSH doctor, strengthening of community health centres, by operationalizing them a First Referral Units (FRUs) & upgrading them to Indian Health Standards (IPHS) in phases & also creation of new CHCs to meet the population norm as per census 2001 & bearing their recurring cost for the mission period will be considered.

An amount of Rs. 1200.00 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Orissa for upgradation of 2 CHCs per district @ Rs. 20 lakhs per district to Indian Public Health Standards. For selection & training of 12730 Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), an amount Rs. 786.07 lakhs has been released. An amount of Rs. 592.70 lakhs has been released for 5927 Sub-centres @ Rs. 10,000/- per Sub-centre for local needs.